

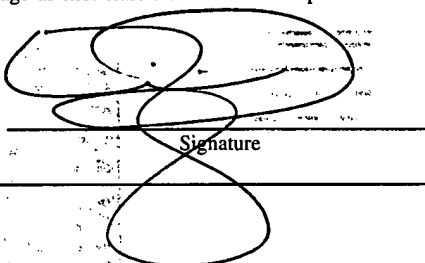
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*In re* Application of: Kothari and Desai

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**REPLY TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT**

This Reply is a timely response to Examiner's Election Requirement dated March 10, 2003 having a one-month shortened statutory period for response expiring April 10, 2003. All of Applicants' pending claims (1-48) were subject to an election requirement. Applicants accordingly have herein elected a species with traverse.